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1. During the period from 21 January through 17 March 1952, fuel shipments continued to arrive at an irregular rate at the Bernsdorf fuel depot. After mid-February, fuel deliveries were on a very small scale, and [redacted] that the depot was filled to capacity. [redacted] prior to 27 January 1952, a total of 156 railroad tank car loads of various types of fuel passed through the Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf railroad station proceeding toward the depot. Shipments [redacted] included: 9 tank cars on 21 January; 6 tank cars on 22 January; 5 tank car loads of motor oil on 24 January; 3 tank car loads of gasoline and 3 of antifreeze on 26 January; 3 tank car loads of antifreeze and 2 of grease on 29 January; 2 tank cars on 5 February; 2 tank cars on 6 February; 20 tank cars on 8 February; 8 tank cars on 9 February; 44 tank cars on 20 February; 2 tank cars on 2 March; 3 tank cars on 17 March. A large portion of these shipments came from Dresden-Harbor.

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2. On 26 February, the 44 railroad tank cars arrived and were forwarded as follows: 20 to Radeboul-West; 2 to Pirna; 2 to Wurzen; 3 to Koenigsbrueck; 3 to Arnsdorf; 3 to Cottbus; 3 to Juetzenhoy; 2 to Namenz; 3 to Torgau and 3 to Littenberg.

3. On 6 February, a shipment of patchdogs and sizable quantities of bandages arrived at the Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf railroad station for the depot.

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4. Sodar [redacted] occupied by officers, and truck [redacted] with trailer [redacted] were observed proceeding to the installation. The two Soviet officers supervising weighing operations at the Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf railroad station used side-car motorcycle [redacted]. One of the officers wore red-bordered black and the other one violet epaulets. Some shipping labels were secured from railroad tank cars.

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* [redacted] Comment, [redacted] total of 104 railroad tank cars arrived at the fuel depot prior to 27 January 1952.

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See also [redacted]

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[redacted] the depot received prior to 5 March about 250 railroad tank car loads of fuel, i.e., approximately 5,000 cubic meters and as the depot has a storage capacity of 5,000 cubic meters, [redacted] conclusion that it was filled to capacity in March is probably correct. [redacted]

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that 10 fuel containers each with a capacity of 25 cubic meters arrived at the depot on 22 March. It is believed therefore that the storage capacity has been increased. The vehicles mentioned belong to the First 2's Army and air force units.

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